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Research Paper Outline

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Topic: Juveniles in Adult Courts and Prisons

Thesis: Juveniles should be tried as such until they are the age 18, when they can be retried and put in adult prisons if found necessary.

1. Introduction
   1. Introduce major/common argument about topic—should they/should they not be tried as adults?
   2. Trying juveniles as is unsuccessful
   3. Alternatives possible—extremes in debate are unnecessary
   4. THESIS
2. People who are for juveniles being tried as adults argue that the punishment that is given is what is deserved.
   1. Counterargument—juveniles need to understand wrong behavior and accompanying punishments/consequences
      1. Study by Kurylcheck & Johnson, p. 491—about “blameworthiness”
      2. Juveniles lack blameworthiness because they’re too young/immature to understand their actions
   2. It’s important for juveniles and society to be able to function after prison sentence.
      1. Missing specific explanations, details, and/or sources (quotes, paraphrases, etc.)
      2. Also missing concluding sentence & transition to next paragraph
3. The emotional maturity of juveniles is still changing
   1. Maturity can vary
      1. Missing specific explanation, detail or source
   2. Emotional maturity is an important factor
      1. Missing specific explanation, detail or source
   3. Psychological/counseling services available in juvenile centers but not adult prisons
      1. Currie et all, par. 1—60% of juveniles have mental disorders
      2. Creates a better way for individuals to learn from what they have done
      3. Allows for more success in the future
   4. These services are needed in order for juveniles to be rehabilitated
      1. Better chance in the “real world”
      2. Major goal is rehabilitation—create good citizens who function well in society
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8. Conclusion
   1. Juveniles should be tried as juveniles until they are 18
      1. Need an acceptable environment for their age
      2. Adult prisons do not have acceptable environment for young criminals
   2. Solution to the problem—try as juveniles first and then retry as adults once they are 18
      1. At 18, judge and jury can decide if adult moving to an adult prison is necessary
   3. Closing thought—doing this is an effective way of dealing with this problem
      1. Works for large amount and variety of crimes
      2. Juvenile criminals have a chance to develop fully